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6.b. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.

7. X An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

8. X One set of Formal Drawings consisting of 5 sheets.

9. X A Preliminary Amendment.

10. X A Decision According Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) for the prior application.

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_____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:


 X Cancel in this application original claims **2-27** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

CLAIMS	FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS 22	- 20 =	2	X \$ 18.00	\$ 36.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 7	- 3 =	4	X \$ 80.00	320.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable)			+ 270.00	
				BASIC FEE	710.00
				Total of above Calculations =	1066.00
	Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.				\$
				TOTAL =	\$ 1066.00

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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